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SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF MOON ROCK SET

REF: A) STATE 242628 B) PEKING 1954

1. MOON ROCK SET RETURNED OCTOBER 7 UNDER REGISTRY
NUMBER 1642317 ON AIR POUCH INVOICE A-88.

2. REF A ASKED FOR OUR VIEWS ON FUTURE PRESENTATIONAL
POSSIBILITIES. ASSUME YOU AGREE THAT TIME FOR FANFARE
(IF EVER THERE WAS A TIME FOR IT) IS LONG PAST.
REMINDER OF HOW LONG PAST IS PROVIDED IN NEW YORK TIMES
STORY BY JAMES STERBA, DATED HOUSTON OCT 11, ON
"HAS BEEN" MOON ROCKS AND ON FOREIGN LEADERS -- E. G. CHIANG
KAI-SHEK--WHO HAVE RECEIVED ROCKS.

3. AS ONE GENERAL POSSIBILITY WE WOULD ENVISAGE
PRESENTING ROCK AND FLAG PLAQUE AS ADJUNCT TO OCCASIONS
RANGING BETWEEN:

--CALL BY USLO CHIEF ON, OR A DINNER HOSTED BY HIM
IN HONOR OF, HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL OF CHINESE ACADEMY
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--AND SIMILAR MEETING WITH EQUALLY HIGH OR HIGHER
POLITICAL FIGURE (E.G., IN COURSE OF A CALL ON FOREIGN
MINISTER OR--IF ONE EMERGES--NEW PREMIER).

4. ALTERNATIVELY, IF PRESIDENTIAL LETTER CONVEYING
THE SET WERE FEASIBLE, MORE FORMAL PRESENTATION COULD
BE MADE TO MFA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL BY USLO CHIEF OR
DEPUTY CHIEF. IN ALL THESE INSTANCES, WE WOULD LEAVE
ANY PUBLICITY UP TO THE CHINESE.

5. PRESENTATION COULD ALSO BE MADE TO HUANG CHEN IN
WASHINGTON. BUT THIS COULD ENTAIL GREATER RISK OF
PUBLICITY, WHICH THE CHINESE MIGHT NOT WELCOME.
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